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Property Name	Westreme Battery		
Address	Triq Dawret it-Tunnara		
Town Name	Mellieħa	Toponym	-
		Local Council	Mellieħa
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Mellieħa Local Council
Guardianship Deed	-		

Period	Modern (18th Century)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (18th Century)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Fortification	Conservation Area	SGA

Outline Description	Coastal Battery
Property Description	Also known as ir-Rasmus or Mellieħa Right Battery, Westreme Battery is one of the coastal works of fortification erected by the Knights in 1715/16. The structure originally consisted of a semi-circular gun platform, partly ringed off by a parapet (with five embrasures) and partly left <i>en barbette</i> , with its gorge occupied by a diagonally placed squarish blockhouse flanked by two screening walls, one of which contained a small entrance. The faces of the blockhouse were pierced by musketry loopholes allowing it to serve as a redoubt. Only the blockhouse has survived, while some traces of the rock hewn base of the battery can still be seen in places. The blockhouse was also converted into a beachpost in WWII, with rectangular machine gun portholes cut into its parapets near the corners. A concrete WWII beach post was also built along the shore near the battery with its searchlight emplacement placed near the blockhouse itself.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	729	G.N. Date	1995
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Recommended Bibliography	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Cross (Malta,1994), 517
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Coordinates : Easting

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Property Plan



Property Images

